

**A little boy plants a carrot seed. He's sure it will come up. Everyone around him is sure it won't. But every day the boy pulls weeds and sprinkles the ground with water. And then, one day, the boy's dream is fulfilled, just as he knew it would be.**

**The wonderfully unshakable confidence of the very young is quietly captured in this small but pointed story—a favorite since it was first published in 1945.**

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**A little boy planted  
a carrot seed.**



**His mother said, "I'm afraid  
it won't come up."**





**His father said, "I'm afraid  
it won't come up."**



**And his big brother said,  
"It won't come up."**



**Every day the little boy pulled  
up the weeds around the seed  
and sprinkled the ground with  
water.**



**But nothing came up.**





**And nothing came up.**



**Everyone kept saying it  
wouldn't come up.**



**But he still pulled up the  
weeds around it every day  
and sprinkled the ground  
with water.**



**And then, one day,**





**a carrot came up**



just as the little boy  
had known it would.

